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SUMMARY

2. AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON AND HIS DELEGATION HAD A
FORMAL BRIEFING ON UNOMUR BORDER OPERATIONS BY UNOMUR
COMMANDER COL. ASRAR IN KABALE ON JUNE 18. AMB.

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RAWSON ALSO CALLED ON THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
AND UGANDAN SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE IN KAMPALA ON
JUNE 20. RAWSON OUTLINED U.S. POLICY IN THESE
MEETINGS; THE RESPONSES BROKE NO NEW GROUND. THE
RAWSON DELEGATION MEETINGS WITH THE RPF AND THE
RWANDAN AMBASSADOR, AND WITH HUMANITARIAN OFFICIALS
HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN REFS B AND C.
END SUMMARY.

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3. THE U.S. DELEGATION ON RWANDA INCLUDING AMB.
DAVID RAWSON, COL. MIKE BERAUD, DART/RWANDA TEAM
LEADER KATE FARNSWORTH, AND SCOTT FISHER, ACCOMPANIED
BY POLOFF JANET BEIK AND DATT LTC. PAUL KELLER,
TRAVELED TO KABALE NEAR THE RWANDAN BORDER ON
JUNE 18 - 19. THE DELEGATION'S BRIEFINGS ON
HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS IN RWANDA ARE REPORTED IN
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REF B. THE DELEGATION MET WITH UNOMUR COMMANDER
COL. ASRAR AND DEPUTY COMMANDER LTC. NOORDSIJ AT
UNOMUR HEADQUARTERS ON JUNE 18.

4. THE UNOMUR OFFICERS OUTLINED THEIR OPERATIONS TO
MONITOR THE UGANDAN SIDE OF THE BORDER SINCE JUNE
1993 (DATT WILL REPORT DETAILS BY SEPTTEL). UNOMUR
HAS 81 OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN STAFF TO CONDUCT AERIAL,
VEHICLE, AND FOOT PATROLS IN ADDITION TO FIXED
OBSERVATION SITES AT SEVEN BORDER POSTS. TWO OF THE
POSTS HAVE BEEN ADDED SINCE FIGHTING BEGAN AGAIN IN
APRIL. COL. ASRAR NOTED THAT THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT
HAD STALLED FOR THREE WEEKS IN APRIL BEFORE
PERMITTING UNOMUR TO SET UP ITS OUTPOST ON THE
EASTERN-MOST ROAD AT MURAMA HILL NEAR THE TANZANIAN
BORDER; UNOMUR OPERATIONS AT THIS POST BEGAN ON
MAY 14. THE UNOMUR PATROLS HAVE FOUND NO REAL
EVIDENCE OF ARMS MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT SMALL AMOUNTS OF ARMS ARE CROSSING WITH PEOPLE
ON BICYCLES AND ON FOOT ALONG THE MANY FOOTPATHS
THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS. AMB. RAWSON STATED THAT THE
MONITORING FUNCTION REMAINS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT,
PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE U.N. ARMS EMBARGO
AGAINST RWANDA.

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5. UNOMUR HAS TAKEN ON AN INCREASED ROLE IN SUPPORTING UNAMIR IN KIGALI, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN KIGALI CLOSED. FOR THE DELIVERY OF U.N. AND U.S. ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, UNOMUR WILL PROVIDE ESCORT AND SECURITY TO THE APC MOVEMENTS UNTIL THEY CROSS INTO RWANDA, WHEN UNAMIR

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WILL TAKE OVER. COL. ASRAR ESTIMATED THAT THE APC TRANSPORT WILL TAKE TWO DAYS TO REACH KIGALI, ONE DAY (9-10 HOURS) FROM ENTEBBE AIRPORT TO MBARARA, WHERE THEY WILL STORE THEM OVERNIGHT, AND THE SECOND TO TRANSPORT THEM TO THE BORDER (4 HOURS) AND ON TO KIGALI (6 -8 HOURS). UNOMUR HAS NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH KIGALI EXCEPT THROUGH NEW YORK.

6. UNOMUR ALSO PROVIDES CONTACTS TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MONITORS THE MOVEMENT ACROSS THE BORDER OF RELIEF SHIPMENTS WORKING IN NORTHERN RWANDA. COL. ASRAR ADMITTED THAT, ALTHOUGH UNOMUR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SEARCH VEHICLES, THEY HAVE NO SCANNING EQUIPMENT, SO THAT ANY SEARCH INVOLVES MANUALLY UNLOADING A VEHICLE. ASIDE FROM THE RELIEF SHIPMENTS BY THE NGO'S, THERE ARE FEW VEHICLES THAT TRANSIT THE BORDER AT KABALE, USUALLY 10 - 12 PICKUP TRUCKS PER DAY. UNOMUR HAS SEEN NO REAL CHANGE IN TRAFFIC PATTERNS SINCE APRIL.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

7. AMB. RAWSON AND CHARGE SHIPPY MET WITH UGANDAN
SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE DR. MBONYE ON JUNE 20. AMB.
RAWSON READ THE POINTS (REF A) ON U.S. SUPPORT FOR
THE FRENCH INITIATIVE IN RWANDA. DR. MBONYE AGREED
WITH THE NEED TO STOP THE KILLING, BUT DID NOT
COMMENT ON THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. HE DID SAY,
HOWEVER, THAT THE WAR CANNOT BE WON AND RWANDANS MUST
LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER. HE AGREED THAT A CEASEFIRE

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

8. ON JUNE 20, AMB. RAWSON AND CHARGE SHIPPY CALLED ON BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD CLAY, WHO IS ACCREDITED TO RWANDA. AMB. RAWSON PRESENTED THE POINTS OF REF A TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, OUTLINING U.S. POLICY ON THE PROPOSED FRENCH INITIATIVE IN RWANDA. CLAY HAD NOT OFFICIALLY HEARD FROM LONDON HOW THE U.K. WOULD RESPOND TO THE FRENCH PLAN.

COMMENT

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9. THE VISIT OF AMB. RAWSON AND HIS DELEGATION TO UGANDA USEFULLY REINFORCED U.S. POSITIONS ON RWANDA WITH A WIDE NUMBER OF INTERLOCUTORS, AND ALLOWED US TO TAKE ACTION ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS RAISED BY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS (SEE RETEL B). ALTHOUGH UGANDA'S KEY FIGURE ON POLICY VIS-A-VIS RWANDA -- PRESIDENT MUSEVENI -- WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, HE WAS IN WASHINGTON MEETING WITH SENIOR USG OFFICIALS THERE. END COMMENT.

10. THIS CABLE WAS DRAFTED AFTER AMB. RAWSON'S DEPARTURE FROM POST.

11. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHIPPY

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